

The Worst Job Markets

----- 12 month job loss to: -----

Local Area Jobs

--- October 2005 ---

--- November 2005 ---

New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA.....	(210,700)	-34.1%	(207,600)	-33.4%
Gulfport-Biloxi, MS.....	(24,900)	-22.0%	(22,600)	-19.9%
Holland-Grand Haven, MI.....	(4,900)	-4.2%	(4,500)	-3.9%
Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX.....	(6,100)	-3.9%	(4,500)	-2.9%
Danville, VA.....	(1,300)	-2.9%	(1,100)	-2.5%
Kokomo, IN.....	(200)	-0.4%	(1,200)	-2.4%
Saginaw-Saginaw Twnship N, MI.....	(1,700)	-1.8%	(2,300)	-2.4%
Niles-Benton Harbor, MI.....	(1,300)	-2.0%	(1,400)	-2.2%
Weirton-Steubenville, OH.....	(700)	-1.4%	(1,000)	-2.1%
Michigan City-La Porte, IN.....	(500)	-1.1%	(900)	-1.9%
Battle Creek, MI.....	(1,200)	-1.9%	(1,200)	-1.9%
Corvallis, OR.....	(300)	-0.8%	(700)	-1.8%
Parkersburg-Marietta, WV.....	(800)	-1.1%	(1,200)	-1.6%
Muncie, IN.....	(900)	-1.6%	(800)	-1.4%
Altoona, PA.....	(600)	-1.0%	(900)	-1.4%
Flint, MI.....	(2,100)	-1.3%	(2,300)	-1.4%
Bangor, ME.....	(1,000)	-1.5%	(900)	-1.3%
Iowa City, IA.....	(1,300)	-1.5%	(1,100)	-1.3%
Bay City, MI.....	(500)	-1.2%	(500)	-1.2%
Elmira, NY.....	(200)	-0.5%	(500)	-1.2%
Anderson, IN.....	(300)	-0.7%	(500)	-1.1%
Dayton, OH.....	(4,900)	-1.2%	(4,100)	-1.0%
Rochester, NY.....	(4,800)	-0.9%	(5,000)	-1.0%
Cleveland, TN.....	0	0.0%	(400)	-1.0%
Rocky Mount, NC.....	(1,300)	-2.0%	(600)	-1.0%

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St. George, UT.....	3,900	8.8%	3,800	8.5%
El Centro, CA.....	3,200	7.8%	3,500	8.5%
Coeur d'Alene, ID.....	3,700	7.2%	4,000	8.0%
Las Vegas-Paradise, NV.....	61,900	7.4%	61,000	7.3%
Yuba City, CA.....	2,300	5.9%	2,600	6.7%
Yuma, AZ.....	3,700	7.4%	3,300	6.4%
Bellingham, WA.....	4,800	6.1%	4,700	5.9%
Ocean City, NJ.....	2,200	5.1%	2,300	5.7%
Idaho Falls, ID.....	2,900	5.8%	2,700	5.4%
Prescott, AZ.....	2,600	4.5%	2,900	5.0%
Bend, OR.....	2,700	4.5%	2,900	4.8%
Olympia, WA.....	4,200	4.5%	4,500	4.8%
Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL.....	9,800	4.8%	9,800	4.7%
Fort Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin, FL	3,800	4.5%	4,000	4.7%
Casper, WY.....	1,400	3.8%	1,700	4.7%
Provo-Orem, UT.....	8,200	4.9%	7,800	4.6%
McAllen-Edinburg-Pharr, TX.....	8,800	4.7%	8,700	4.6%
Naples-Marco Island, FL.....	6,000	5.0%	5,600	4.5%
Winchester, VA.....	2,800	5.1%	2,500	4.5%
Logan, UT.....	2,000	4.0%	2,100	4.2%
Hinesville-Fort Stewart, GA.....	700	4.2%	700	4.2%
El Paso, TX.....	9,200	3.6%	10,700	4.1%
Orlando, FL.....	43,600	4.4%	41,000	4.1%
Farmington, NM.....	1,800	3.7%	2,000	4.1%
Panama City-Lynn Haven, FL.....	3,000	4.2%	2,900	4.1%

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Recent Job Growth and Decline in the States

Rank	STATE	1,000s of Nonfarm Jobs: 2005			One Month		Two Months	
		September	October	November	Oct-Nov Change		Sept-Nov Change	
50	Alaska.....	311.3	309.1	309.1	0.0	0.0%	-2.2	-0.7%
49	South Dakota.....	393.1	391.3	390.9	-0.4	-0.1%	-2.2	-0.6%
48	Indiana.....	2,970.7	2,958.7	2,955.9	-2.8	-0.1%	-14.8	-0.5%
47	Massachusetts.....	3,208.3	3,200.3	3,200.8	0.5	0.0%	-7.5	-0.2%
46	New Hampshire.....	642.5	640.9	641.2	0.3	0.0%	-1.3	-0.2%
45	Michigan.....	4,362.5	4,349.0	4,354.8	5.8	0.1%	-7.7	-0.2%
44	Vermont.....	309.6	309.3	309.1	-0.2	-0.1%	-0.5	-0.2%
43	Missouri.....	2,722.7	2,715.6	2,719.1	3.5	0.1%	-3.6	-0.1%
42	Ohio.....	5,434.9	5,427.0	5,429.2	2.2	0.0%	-5.7	-0.1%
41	Kentucky.....	1,822.9	1,822.9	1,821.9	-1.0	-0.1%	-1.0	-0.1%
40	Alabama.....	1,933.5	1,930.5	1,932.5	2.0	0.1%	-1.0	-0.1%
39	New York.....	8,550.7	8,538.7	8,547.4	8.7	0.1%	-3.3	-0.0%
38	Nebraska.....	940.5	936.3	940.2	3.9	0.4%	-0.3	-0.0%
37	New Jersey.....	4,064.5	4,061.1	4,064.6	3.5	0.1%	0.1	0.0%
36	Minnesota.....	2,725.2	2,728.1	2,725.5	-2.6	-0.1%	0.3	0.0%
35	Rhode Island.....	495.3	494.5	495.4	0.9	0.2%	0.1	0.0%
34	Oklahoma.....	1,504.1	1,504.2	1,504.8	0.6	0.0%	0.7	0.0%
33	Illinois.....	5,868.9	5,870.4	5,872.1	1.7	0.0%	3.2	0.1%
32	Tennessee.....	2,729.9	2,733.9	2,731.7	-2.2	-0.1%	1.8	0.1%
31	North Dakota.....	345.4	343.6	345.7	2.1	0.6%	0.3	0.1%
30	Colorado.....	2,234.7	2,235.2	2,236.9	1.7	0.1%	2.2	0.1%
29	Arkansas.....	1,174.3	1,174.9	1,175.5	0.6	0.1%	1.2	0.1%
28	Idaho.....	613.3	612.3	614	1.7	0.3%	0.7	0.1%
27	Hawaii.....	604.4	605.2	605.2	0.0	0.0%	0.8	0.1%
26	Pennsylvania.....	5,722.2	5,726.4	5,730.1	3.7	0.1%	7.9	0.1%
25	Maryland.....	2,580.0	2,578.8	2,584.4	5.6	0.2%	4.4	0.2%
24	California.....	14,814.8	14,822.4	14,842.8	20.4	0.1%	28.0	0.2%
	US Totals.....	134,030	134,074	134,289	215.0	0.2%	259.0	0.2%
23	North Carolina.....	3,893.2	3,898.4	3,904.1	5.7	0.1%	10.9	0.3%
22	Florida.....	7,817.6	7,822.8	7,840.7	17.9	0.2%	23.1	0.3%
21	Maine.....	616.5	618.1	618.4	0.3	0.0%	1.9	0.3%
20	Connecticut.....	1,670.0	1,674.3	1,675.4	1.1	0.1%	5.4	0.3%
19	South Carolina.....	1,835.3	1,839.3	1,841.4	2.1	0.1%	6.1	0.3%
18	Wyoming.....	263	263.2	263.9	0.7	0.3%	0.9	0.3%
17	Texas.....	9,630.2	9,645.9	9,663.2	17.3	0.2%	33.0	0.3%
16	Oregon.....	1,658.4	1,656.5	1,664.1	7.6	0.5%	5.7	0.3%
15	New Mexico.....	809.4	811.6	812.9	1.3	0.2%	3.5	0.4%
14	Wisconsin.....	2,832.8	2,839.0	2,846.2	7.2	0.3%	13.4	0.5%
13	Iowa.....	1,478.0	1,483.5	1,485.2	1.7	0.1%	7.2	0.5%
12	Arizona.....	2,496.6	2,501.2	2,508.9	7.7	0.3%	12.3	0.5%
11	West Virginia.....	742	745.7	745.8	0.1	0.0%	3.8	0.5%
10	Kansas.....	1,352.3	1,351.3	1,359.8	8.5	0.6%	7.5	0.6%
9	Delaware.....	431.5	431.9	434.2	2.3	0.5%	2.7	0.6%
	District of Columbia...	680.4	683.6	684.7	1.1	0.2%	4.3	0.6%
8	Virginia.....	3,645.0	3,664.0	3,671.9	7.9	0.2%	26.9	0.7%
7	Georgia.....	3,930.0	3,945.7	3,959.8	14.1	0.4%	29.8	0.8%
6	Utah.....	1,149.4	1,154.1	1,159.3	5.2	0.5%	9.9	0.9%
5	Nevada.....	1,238.2	1,246.6	1,249.2	2.6	0.2%	11.0	0.9%
4	Montana.....	420.5	421.3	424.5	3.2	0.8%	4.0	1.0%
3	Washington.....	2,765.2	2,788.8	2,792.8	4.0	0.1%	27.6	1.0%
2	Louisiana.....	1,695.6	1,700.4	1,715.0	14.6	0.9%	19.4	1.1%
1	Mississippi.....	1,084.4	1,095.7	1,106.4	10.7	1.0%	22.0	2.0%

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Job Growth and Decline in the States: Slow Recovery from the Gulf Coast Storms

November 2004 to November 2005

Rank	STATE	Nonfarm Establishment Jobs Total	Const- ruction	Manuf- acturing	Trade and Utilities	Information	Finance	Prof & Bus Services	Education & Health	Leisure & Hospitality	Other Services	Govt.	Unemployment Rates		
													Nov. '04	Oct. '05	Nov. '05
(Change over Year Ago: Percent)													(Percent Unemployed)		
50	Louisiana.....	-10.7%	-21.3%	-7.7%	-9.5%	-3.5%	-6.3%	-14.1%	-17.2%	-20.7%	-13.4%	-1.3%	5.8%	12.0%	12.4%
49	Mississippi.....	-2.1%	0.8%	-2.2%	-1.0%	-2.1%	-0.9%	-1.4%	-0.1%	-9.6%	-5.9%	-0.5%	6.9%	8.7%	9.5%
48	Michigan.....	-0.8%	-1.1%	-2.1%	-1.0%	-4.3%	0.1%	-0.2%	0.4%	1.0%	1.5%	-2.2%	7.4%	6.1%	6.6%
47	Ohio.....	0.2%	-0.4%	-0.4%	-0.7%	-1.4%	0.4%	2.0%	1.0%	0.4%	0.4%	-0.1%	6.1%	5.9%	5.7%
46	Indiana.....	0.3%	1.6%	-0.8%	0.2%	0.0%	0.8%	1.2%	1.8%	1.7%	0.0%	-1.2%	5.1%	5.4%	5.3%
45	Maine.....	0.4%	2.2%	-2.6%	0.4%	1.7%	-0.6%	-0.2%	1.9%	1.7%	-1.0%	0.4%	4.6%	5.2%	4.9%
44	South Carolina.....	0.4%	1.5%	-2.9%	2.2%	5.8%	1.2%	1.1%	3.4%	-1.2%	-0.4%	-0.4%	7.0%	6.9%	7.1%
43	Massachusetts.....	0.5%	1.6%	-0.0%	0.2%	-2.1%	0.1%	1.9%	0.7%	0.3%	-0.8%	-0.0%	4.8%	4.8%	4.9%
42	Tennessee.....	0.6%	1.9%	-0.3%	1.0%	-3.8%	1.2%	-0.6%	2.1%	1.2%	0.9%	0.5%	5.3%	5.6%	5.8%
41	Connecticut.....	0.7%	4.3%	-0.4%	0.7%	-0.3%	1.2%	0.3%	0.9%	0.6%	0.3%	0.3%	4.6%	5.3%	5.1%
40	New York.....	0.8%	1.1%	-2.6%	0.3%	-0.4%	1.7%	2.2%	1.7%	1.5%	0.8%	-0.1%	5.4%	4.8%	5.4%
39	Missouri.....	0.8%	0.2%	0.9%	1.0%	1.3%	2.1%	1.5%	2.4%	-0.4%	0.8%	-1.2%	5.8%	5.0%	5.6%
38	New Jersey.....	0.9%	-1.6%	-4.1%	1.4%	-1.6%	0.9%	1.0%	2.3%	4.2%	3.0%	0.4%	4.4%	3.9%	4.6%
37	Wisconsin.....	0.9%	5.7%	-0.1%	-0.8%	0.6%	0.8%	2.8%	1.8%	2.7%	0.5%	0.4%	4.6%	4.5%	4.7%
36	Alabama.....	1.0%	0.6%	1.0%	1.3%	0.6%	-0.3%	3.5%	1.7%	1.0%	-1.0%	0.1%	5.4%	4.5%	3.6%
35	Arkansas.....	1.1%	1.9%	-1.8%	1.1%	-1.5%	2.5%	1.2%	3.6%	0.9%	-0.7%	2.0%	5.6%	4.9%	4.8%
34	West Virginia.....	1.1%	10.9%	-1.0%	0.1%	0.8%	-0.7%	3.1%	0.7%	1.4%	0.4%	-0.2%	5.0%	5.2%	4.9%
33	Illinois.....	1.1%	0.4%	-1.0%	0.9%	-1.8%	1.2%	4.3%	1.0%	2.5%	0.0%	0.4%	6.1%	5.5%	5.3%
32	Kentucky.....	1.2%	3.8%	0.3%	0.6%	-2.8%	-2.0%	2.6%	1.8%	3.2%	1.8%	0.3%	4.7%	6.1%	6.2%
31	Vermont.....	1.2%	5.8%	0.5%	0.7%	-3.2%	2.3%	4.2%	1.8%	0.3%	-1.0%	-0.4%	3.4%	3.9%	3.5%
30	Pennsylvania.....	1.2%	2.6%	-2.4%	1.1%	-1.7%	1.2%	2.5%	2.2%	2.7%	1.7%	1.0%	5.6%	4.6%	5.1%
29	Rhode Island.....	1.2%	3.2%	-3.3%	-1.1%	0.9%	4.4%	1.6%	4.1%	3.9%	0.0%	-0.3%	4.8%	5.4%	5.2%
28	Minnesota.....	1.3%	0.1%	1.3%	-0.6%	-0.5%	3.3%	1.3%	3.6%	2.1%	-0.5%	1.1%	4.4%	3.7%	3.9%
27	California.....	1.3%	7.6%	0.2%	0.5%	-1.5%	1.3%	1.5%	1.4%	2.3%	0.4%	0.4%	6.0%	5.2%	5.2%
26	North Carolina.....	1.3%	3.6%	-2.1%	-0.4%	3.4%	1.9%	3.5%	3.0%	2.2%	3.1%	1.7%	5.3%	5.4%	5.2%
25	Virginia.....	1.4%	6.0%	-1.0%	1.0%	-2.0%	0.9%	2.5%	2.4%	0.2%	1.4%	0.9%	3.6%	3.4%	3.5%
24	Texas.....	1.4%	3.1%	0.1%	1.0%	2.6%	1.5%	2.5%	2.0%	2.0%	0.8%	0.7%	5.9%	5.3%	5.3%
	US Totals.....	1.5%	4.2%	-0.5%	1.1%	0.3%	2.4%	2.8%	2.2%	1.6%	0.4%	0.8%	5.4%	5.0%	5.0%
23	Georgia.....	1.5%	2.1%	-0.1%	0.9%	0.3%	1.8%	2.0%	2.5%	4.4%	1.2%	1.0%	4.8%	5.3%	5.4%
22	New Hampshire.....	1.6%	3.9%	-0.1%	2.1%	1.6%	1.0%	0.5%	3.1%	5.0%	-4.9%	0.0%	3.4%	3.9%	3.8%
21	Iowa.....	1.6%	-0.1%	1.9%	0.9%	0.6%	3.7%	0.4%	1.4%	6.2%	0.7%	0.6%	5.0%	4.5%	4.8%
20	South Dakota.....	1.6%	6.5%	2.3%	2.3%	0.0%	2.5%	0.4%	1.6%	0.8%	0.0%	0.4%	3.5%	4.0%	4.0%
19	Alaska.....	1.7%	2.3%	6.6%	1.5%	1.5%	0.7%	3.1%	2.9%	2.2%	-0.9%	0.0%	7.6%	6.8%	7.0%
18	Delaware.....	1.7%	4.4%	-2.3%	2.3%	1.4%	2.9%	1.1%	2.5%	3.0%	-2.1%	1.3%	4.1%	4.2%	4.4%
	District of Columbia.....	1.7%	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	0.4%	1.7%	3.1%	2.0%	5.0%	2.5%	0.0%	8.7%	6.1%	6.1%
17	Nebraska.....	1.7%	4.4%	0.5%	0.6%	0.0%	2.9%	3.0%	1.4%	2.3%	2.6%	2.0%	3.7%	3.6%	3.9%
16	Oklahoma.....	1.8%	1.4%	0.9%	1.7%	1.6%	2.5%	2.2%	1.8%	-1.1%	2.0%	2.8%	4.7%	4.3%	4.1%
15	Montana.....	1.8%	5.7%	0.0%	1.4%	1.3%	1.0%	3.9%	2.9%	3.0%	-1.7%	0.1%	4.4%	4.3%	4.3%
14	Colorado.....	1.9%	5.7%	-1.7%	1.3%	-4.8%	2.3%	3.5%	2.4%	1.7%	1.8%	1.8%	5.4%	4.9%	5.0%
13	Maryland.....	1.9%	0.6%	-3.1%	2.3%	0.8%	1.8%	3.1%	2.8%	3.2%	2.3%	1.4%	4.2%	4.1%	4.2%
12	Kansas.....	2.0%	6.6%	0.7%	1.5%	-1.9%	3.1%	4.2%	1.7%	0.1%	4.8%	1.7%	5.3%	5.0%	5.2%
11	New Mexico.....	2.0%	7.8%	0.6%	1.8%	4.9%	2.0%	2.2%	1.7%	0.5%	1.0%	1.0%	5.6%	5.4%	5.1%
10	North Dakota.....	2.2%	8.1%	3.2%	2.3%	-1.3%	1.6%	3.7%	2.2%	2.6%	-1.3%	0.5%	3.4%	3.5%	3.4%
9	Hawaii.....	2.4%	11.1%	-2.6%	4.2%	-4.5%	2.8%	4.6%	2.5%	2.9%	4.2%	-2.5%	3.1%	2.7%	2.8%
8	Wyoming.....	2.4%	4.1%	1.0%	2.4%	-2.3%	3.8%	0.7%	1.4%	2.1%	3.2%	1.7%	3.9%	4.1%	3.9%
7	Washington.....	2.7%	8.2%	1.8%	2.6%	2.6%	2.0%	4.6%	3.1%	3.6%	2.3%	0.2%	5.9%	5.6%	5.6%
6	Oregon.....	3.1%	13.5%	2.7%	4.9%	7.0%	2.0%	2.0%	4.8%	0.3%	2.8%	-0.4%	7.2%	5.9%	5.8%
5	Florida.....	3.4%	6.6%	1.4%	2.6%	0.4%	2.6%	6.3%	3.5%	3.3%	1.6%	1.5%	4.7%	3.5%	3.6%
4	Idaho.....	3.9%	13.3%	1.8%	4.1%	7.8%	5.3%	5.2%	5.1%	3.4%	2.2%	-0.5%	4.5%	3.6%	3.7%
3	Arizona.....	4.0%	12.6%	0.2%	3.9%	-1.7%	5.0%	5.1%	5.8%	4.8%	3.7%	-0.7%	4.6%	4.9%	4.8%
2	Utah.....	4.2%	13.9%	1.5%	3.3%	8.2%	4.1%	6.6%	3.6%	2.5%	1.8%	1.9%	5.1%	4.5%	4.0%
1	Nevada.....	5.9%	12.1%	3.0%	3.5%	-1.4%	7.2%	8.9%	6.1%	5.3%	5.9%	3.1%	4.0%	4.1%	4.1%

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